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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

This is to give my approval to the agreement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. This was reached after three long years of litigation, costing both parties enormous amounts of money. It is time to end this debate and move forward.

Microsoft has also evidently been chastened and has agreed to any number of demands from the Department of Justice. There will be a technical committee to monitor future adherence; Microsoft has agreed to allow computer makers to ship non-Microsoft product to customers; Microsoft has agreed to design future versions of Windows providing a mechanism to make it easier to promote non-Microsoft software; Microsoft would help companies better achieve a greater degree of reliability with regard to their networking software. Microsoft has done a great deal to pay for any "sins" it may have made.

Please give your support to this agreement. It is time to move on. We have more important things to worry about.

Sincerely,

Vincent Caputo

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